



# BORIS THE SPIDER

A Journal of Duplicitous Deings,  
Raw Power, and Naked Greed

*"Oh, what a tangled web we weave  
When first we practice to deceive!"*  
--Sir Walter Scott--



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## Hanna Wins 1835!

Congratulations to Chuck Hanna on his second 1835 win in *BORIS*, skillfully parlaying the SX Directorship to victory. Meanwhile, Mark Frueh hasn't been able to scare up five-players for 1830 yet (he's even so desperate he invited me to play), so that won't start until at least next time. Which brings up, ...

You may have noticed that this issue is shorter than usual. This is primarily due to several two-page games finishing without replacements starting (see above). The latter is due primarily to two factors: First I've been too discombobulated from 16-days without AOL and two 1100-mile drives and now playing catch-up to find where I stored faction/option druthers that have been sent. Second, there hasn't really been a consensus on what should be played next. Mark's 1830 quorum evaporated when it came time to commit, and the recently concluded 1856 and 1835 started one short of advertised.

On the other hand, we seem to have a quorum for "Boris XVII". Recently confirmed players are Shacklett & Wilson, R. Fisher, Zodda, Anderson, Copeland, and Nichols need to verify they want to play and remind me of their country preference list. Hint: "I don't care" or "I'll take whatever's available" is a good ticket to be Italy or Austria. If all goes well, we'll announce the sides next time with first orders due in January, unless all agree on December.

Anyway, see p 13, for further ruminations on the next games to be offered. Gunboat anyone?

### GAME OPENINGS:

**CIRCUS MAXIMUS:** The red chariot is available

**DUNE:** The BGs are available. The BTs may be available.

**TITAN:** The red legions are available.

**Gunboat MACH:** Have three signed up.

### BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:** "The method of the enterprising is to plan with audacity and execute with vigor." -- Christian Bovee

Fred Davis writes and wants to know if anyone has played a new game called *WAR: AGE OF IMPERIALISM* by Eagle Games? He's interested in whether it's a DIP variant or not and would like to see any reviews of the game. Contact him at the address on p 14.

### BOOS & KUDOS

There will be no Madame Bokluc Press Excellence Award (and free issue) this month since she isn't here to award one; expect a delayed award next month.

Ditto for Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb. A double Super-Sudsy Bomb?!? Ouch!!!!

**PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):**

**Deadline for most games is 1800 CST 7 NOV 03**



# Peace Proposed! Turkish Fleet Stranded Spring 1907

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**MIRKWOOD:** The Kaiser's hordes have turned from Italy towards Russia. The Turks have been reduced to a fleet patrolling a portless sea. Austria has an interesting choice of retreat to BOH to threaten MUN or to GAL to bolster the Russian defense of WAR. And where will German F MID retreat to? Inquiring minds want to know. As well as the bookies.

## TROOP MOVEMENTS:

Austria builds A BUD and A TRI. Germany builds A BER.

**AUSTRIA** (R Fisher): A Con S RUS A Arm-Ank, F Aeg-Bul(Se), A Alb-Gre, F Sany S A Con, IA Su-Ber(r-???) A Bud-Ser, IA Tri-Tri.

**GERMANY** (Anderson): A Den-Pru, A Gae-Bur, IF MID H(r-???) A Edi-Den, A Bre-Gas, F Nth C A Edi-Den, IA Mar-Pie, IA Pie-Tri, IA Lvn-War, A Mun-Sil, F Bal C A Den-Pru, A Ber S A Mun-Sil.

**ITALY** (K Wilson): A Por H, F NAF-Mid, F Wes S A NAF-Mid, A Ven-Rom, F Adri-Ven, F Tyn-Lyo.

**RUSSIA** (Fowles): A Rum S AUS A Con, A SIP-Fin, F Swe S F Navy, IA Sev-Mos, A Arm-Ank, IF Hwy S F Denksul, IA War-Mos.

**TURKEY** (Nichols): F Bla S A Bal-Con, IA Bal-Con(Se).

Austrian A SIL must retreat oth, to BOH or GAL. German F MID must retreat oth or to BRE, ENG, IRI, NAT, or to SPA(In). A concession to Germany has been proposed. An A/G draw has been proposed. An R/I/G/A draw has been proposed. A concession to A/R has been proposed.

Orders in brackets fail, CD = Civil Disorder, d = disbanded, NMR = no move received, NRR = no retreat received, nsu = no such unit, NVR = no vote received, oth = off the board, otm = on the move, r-??? = must retreat somewhere, u = unordered. See map and full transcript of game on the Website.

Due next time: Your votes on the proposals (NMR or NVR = Yes). Orders for retreats and for Fall 1907 and Press.

## EMBASSY BEAT

Italy to Germany: Did you really think I would call back? I bent over backwards in this game to set aside our past differences. You ignore that effort and go for the weak stab. And then you call and suggest a 2-way draw between us. I think you miss my intention in this game. You will have absolutely no share of any win in this game. At least not if I can help. Don't call again. Don't waste you \$\$\$ on long distance. If you have something to say, put some thought in it, write it down, make sure you mean it and put it in an email.

Italy to Austria and Russia: Work something out between you or toss a coin or something, but decide how you're going to end this game. I will veto any draw that includes Germany. I will vote YES to any draw that excludes Germany. I will do all I can to see he gains not another center in the south. Don't take my centers (Austria) and I'll use all the units they support to attack Germany and attack Germany and attack Germany. Just consider my western fleets as an extension of your navy.

"Madness" roared the Emperor, "They're all mad! This Turkish obsession with Bulgaria...the Italians marching up to Trieste then turning back to Venice-just enough to vindicate that buffoon of a Mayor-I should have had him shot right then, now he'll probably get re-elected and I'll be stuck with him. And now the Huns are pouring like a rancid syrup over the pancake of Europe. And where the devil is breakfast? Those cowardly Russians keep mincing about outside of Ankara- just because that loser of a Turkish Fleet keeps steaming about the Black Sea shooting at nothing. And what the deuce happened to the Army that was in Bulgaria? The Turks waltzed in and they up and disappeared. If that Commander is caught I want him hung, drawn and quartered and burned at the stake-and that's just for the first day. Orderly-where's my breakfast?"



# MACHIAVELLI

Weird Spring!  
SPRING 1514

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**Ragnocitt:** With the Pope trying to build an inland fleet, the Doge forgoing expansion, and the Milanese unilaterally disarming, what else could it be but weird? The campaigns were, however, prosaic. The general trend of beating on minors seems to be continuing.

## TROOP MOVEMENTS:

**Austria** (26d) maintains all, builds F MES (-24d). **France** (21d) maintains all, builds A AVI & A SALZ (-18d). **Milan** (17d) neither maintains nor builds. **Papacy** (26d) maintains all, build A PER & F CRE (imp) (-18d). **Turkey** (23d) maintains all but F MAR and builds A ALB & HUN and F DUR & TUN (-21d). **Venice** (27d) maintains all (-12d).

**AUSTRIA** (Wilson, 2d): A Ver-Trent, A Cro H, F Pal S F Cor-TS, [A Carin S TUR A Car-Fri]nsu, A Tyr S A Carin, F LS S V Cor-TS, F Cor-TS, [F Mes-GoN]

**FRANCE** (Scott, 3d): A Tur-Sav, A Gen B, [F Nap-GoN], A Mil-Como, A Avi-Mar, A Salz S A Tur-Sav;

**MILAN** (Cole, 17d): No units

**PAPACY** (Anderson, 8d): A Flo-Pisa, A Are-Flo, [A Cap-Aqu], [F Aqu-LA], A Per-Urb, [F Cre S F Aqu-LA]nsu;

**TURKEY** (McConnell, 2d): A Her-Bos, A Car H, F Dal S F Dur-LA, A Alb-Rag, A Hun H, F Dur-LA, F Tun-CM;

**VENICE** (Nichols, 15d): A Bol-Man, A Fri-Tre, F UA S F Tre-Pad, F Tre-Pad;

**Autonomous:** Gen(b), Luc, Man, Mon, Plo, Pisa, Rag, Sav, Sic, Trent.

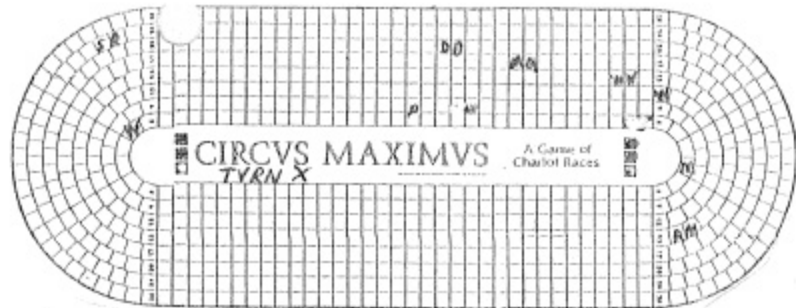
Orders in brackets fail. b = besieged, imp = impossible, nso = not so ordered, nsu = no such unit, oth = off the board, r-??? = must retreat oth or elsewhere.

Orders for Summer 1514 are due next time. And Press. Ms Nar craves Press.

Game transcript and, if I get lucky with graphics, perhaps a game map are on the website. Got to fix my scanner again before I'll be able to get a decent scan of the conference map.

## PRESS

None. Shame, shame.



## LAST CHANCE TO BET!

### TYRN X

Odds	COLOR	DRIVER (CDM/DH)	CART	Whip	Wheels	TEAM	END	Speed	D/E
4-1	Red	Rufus Magnus (+2/7)	H	Y	0/0	5324	19	16	2/2
5-1	Green	Josephus (+2/9)	L	Y	0/0	7446	05	22	2/2
6-1	Blue	Sprinticus Rex (+2/8)	L	Y	0/0	7545	11	23	1/2
8-1	Orange	Maximus Gladious (0/6)	M	Y	3/0	7436	38	21	1/2
21-1	Yellow	Davidus Detroiti (+2/6)	L	Y	2/0	2444	19	16	1/2
120-1	Aqua	Whiplash Willie (+1/6)	M	Y	0/0	4435	08	17	1/2
	White	Minnesotus (+1/4)	W	-	-/-	3536	18	17	1/2
	Purple		W	-	-/-	6325	39	16	1/2

Whiplash (Zieske): 16, no whip. Ahead 16.

Purple Team: 16. Ahead 16.

Rufus (O'Hara): NMR! 16, no whip. Ahead 14, cornerstrain @ 4 over (12-2 = S; -4 END) ahead 2.

Maximus (York): 17, no whip. Wheel check (6). Ahead 17.

Josephus (R Fisher): 8, no whip. Ahead 8.

Davidus (Dave A): 16, whip (3, -3 END), wheel check (5. OK). In two, ahead 8, lash MG's team. MG accepts (3+2 vs 7; -1 END, optional free 1 MP next time). Ahead 5, lash SR's team. SR evades 9+2 vs 9+2).

Minnesotus (Kannel): NMR! M moves in 2. Team slideslips left, moves ahead 14.

Sprinticus (Copeland): 23, no whip. Ahead 18, in 1, ahead 4. Score Egg. Betting booths are open for the last time.

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See Website for map and transcript. Betting booths are open for the last time. You have \_\_\_\_\_ s available.



# DUNE

## Turn 2 Bidding & Movement



### The Board:

**ATREIDES** (Nichols): 5T @ Arrakeen, 5T Gara Kulon, 2T @ Cielago North, 8R, 7S, 2C  
**BENE GESSERIT** (O'Hara): 1T @ Carthag, Cielago North, Tueks Stetch, 8S, 17R, 1C  
**BENE TLEILAXU** (Buttita): 3C, 1S, Tr @ Habbanya Ridge Stetch  
**FREMEN** (Barrett): 5T, 2\* @ Stetch Tabr, 7T @ Red Chasm, 13S, 6R, 2C  
**GUILD** (Anderson): 6T @ Tuek's Stetch, 14R, 5S, 1C  
**HARKONNEN** (Wilson): 10T Carthag, 10R, 7S, 4C  
**LANSRAAD** (R Fisher): 20R, 18S, 4C  
**Spice**: 2S @ Cielago North, 8S @ Red Chasm, 6S @ Wind Pass North.  
**Storm**: Sector 17  
**Tanks**: Empty

### TURN 2

**2.3 Bidding:** BGs receive 2S in CHOAM Charity. There are six cards up for bid. F bids 4S, A & G bid 3S, H bids 2S on 1st card; F buys \_\_\_\_\_. G&H bid 2S, F bids 1S on 2nd card; H buys \_\_\_\_\_ and gets \_\_\_\_\_ on Spice tie-break. F bids 4S, A&G bid 3S on 3rd card; F buys \_\_\_\_\_. G bids 2S on 4th card; G buys \_\_\_\_\_. No one bids on 5th card so it and 6th remain unsold.

**2.3 Movement:** L ships 4T to Wind Pass North (a16) (8S to G, 1 BG accompanies). A ships 3T to Imperial Basin (6S to G, 1 BG accompanies), moves 5T Gara Kulon-Red Chasm.

**2.4 Combat:** A with 5T vs F with 7T at Red Chasm.

Due next time are your orders for Turn 2 Combat through Spice Blow Phase of Turn 3. Ms Nar craves Press. Transcript and map are posted on the website.

### Press:

Fremen to Atreides: Prescience is a wonderful gift - use it wisely. We claim the spice at Red Chasm to which Shai Halud has taken us and will fight with our lives should 'thopters from Arrakeen appear. The only winner of a fight would be the BT tanks.

Fremen to Harkonnen: Comfy in Carthag ?



**BRITANNIA**  
 "Egbert"  
 Purple Speaks!



### The Cast:

Blue: Kevin Wilson    Green: Dave Anderson    Purple: Chuck Hanna    Red: Peter Boyum

HANNA: I believe it's possible to win Britannia playing purple; I may even have done it once long ago. But second place seems more natural. If the Saxons dominate England, and they did an excellent job of it this time, then Red's the favorite to win. If the Angles dominate England, then Blue's the favorite. If the Angles and Saxons spend the whole game fighting over England, then Green's Welsh and Danes should carry the day. And it seems to me that Purple has the best shot at second place each time. So if we could just score this like the Tour de France...



# BRITANNIA

"Devon"

Turn XII



## The Cast:

Blue: Kevin Wilson      Green: Rick Copeland      Purple: Rudy Zozda      Red: Peter Boyum

## Board

**Welsh** (0.5): 3A @ Powys; 2A @ Clywd, Dyfed, Gynnedd, Gynnedd; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon.  
**Brigantes** (1): 3A @ Pennines, Strathclyde; 2A @ Dunedin; 1A @ Cumbria, Galloway, Mar.  
**Picts** (0.5): 2A @ Alban, Dalraida, Hebrides, Skye.  
**Caledonians** (0.5): 2A @ Caithness, Orkneys.  
**Irish** (1.5): 2A @ Avalon, Cheshire, March; 1A @ Hwicce.  
**Norsemen**: 2A @ Moray, 2R @ Atlantic, Irish.  
**Dubliners**: 2R Irish.  
**Danes**: 4R @ Frisian; 3R, 6A, Bros @ North.  
**Jutes** (2.5): 2A @ Wessex  
**Saxons** (2.5): 2A @ S Mercia; 2A @ Lindsey, Sussex; 1A @ Downlands; Alfred @ ?.  
**Angles** (1.5): 2A @ Bernicia, Lothian, N Mercia, Norfolk, York.

@start: Red 65, Green 58.5, Blue 46, Purple 40.

**Caledonians** (0.5): Grow 1 pp. Hold.

**Irish** (1.5): Grow 4 pp. Add 1A @ Hwicce. Hold.

**Norsemen**: Grow 0.5 pp. Hold.

**Dubliners**: ...

@start: Red 65, Green 58.5, Blue 46, Purple 40.

## Board

**Welsh** (0.5): 3A @ Powys; 2A @ Clywd, Dyfed, Gynnedd, Gynnedd; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon.  
**Brigantes** (2.5): 3A @ Lothian, 2A @ Dunedin, Strathclyde; 1A @ Cumbria, Galloway, Mar, Pennines.  
**Picts** (2.5): 3A @ Dalraida; 2A @ Alban, Skye; 1A @ Hebrides.  
**Caledonians** (1.5): 2A @ Caithness, Orkneys.  
**Irish** (2.5): 2A @ Avalon, Cheshire, Hwicce, March.  
**Norsemen** (0.5): 2A @ Moray, 2R @ Atlantic, Irish.  
**Dubliners**: 2R Irish  
**Danes**: 4R @ Frisian; 3R, 6A, Bros @ North.  
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**Saxons** (2.5): 2A @ S Mercia; 2A @ Lindsey, Sussex; 1A @ Downlands; Alfred @ ?.  
**Angles** (1.5): 2A @ 2A @ Bernicia, N Mercia, Norfolk, York; 1A @ Lothian.

Legend: A = infantry army, C = cavalry army, F = fort, L = legion or leader, pp = population point, R = raider, r-??? = retreats to ???, w-??? = withdraws to ???, (\*) = in melee, \_#\_ = attack by/against cav/legion

Current map and game transcript can be found on the website.



# TITAN

## Bleeding Heart Outlasts Horn!

### Turn 5



Red has not returned, so Ms Nar's exercise will be binding.

**COMBAT:** At 134: Bleeding Heart defeats Horn, earning 112 pts.

#### THE BOARD:

Brown (Frueh), 6-4, 0 VP: dr: 4. Spider 100-140 spawns Hourglass; Antlers 2-10. Tankard 3-141.

Blue (York), 6-4, 0 VP: dr: 6. Batman 22-28, spawns Trident; Anchor 19-25, Crescent Moon 19 holds.

Gold (Bargender), 6-4, 0 VP: dr: 5. Crown 30-39.

Red (O'Hara), 7-4, 112 VP: dr: 4. **NMRI** Bleeding Heart 134-138; Maltese Cross 42 holds.

Green (Rezzarday), 6-4, 0 VP: dr: 6. Dagger 14-20 (blocked by Crescent Moon @ 19); Fleur-de-lis 140-134, spawns Frog.

Black (Khaoz), 6-4, 0 VP: dr: 3. Eye of Sauron 34-39; Poison Pen 5-104, spawns Spiked Die.

#### COMBAT:

At 19: Defender, Crescent Moon; Attacker, Dagger.

At 39: Defender, Eye of Sauron; Attacker, Crown.

**MUSTERING:** 3 cyclops, 1 troll.

**FORCE POOL:** Archangels (6), Angels (12), Behemoths (18), Centaurs (9), Colossi (10), Cyclops (14), Dragons (18), Gargoyles (7), Giants (18), Gorgons (25), Griffons (18), Guardians (6), Hydra (10), Lions (24), Minotaurs (21), Ogres (11), Rangers (28), Serpents (10), Trolls (21), Unicorns (12), Warbears (21), Warlocks (4), Wyverns (18).

**DEAD POOL:** Centaurs(2), Cyclops(4), Gargoyles(4), Ogre.

Your Legions are:

Your Turn 6 die roll is : \_\_\_\_\_. Current masterboard and game transcript is on the website.



## LORD STANLEY Some Speak!



### END GAME STATEMENTS:

**ZIESKE:** An enjoyable game. One of the few times I've run the LPS. Having a 5-train available in the bank pool was a surprise. Unfortunately, even if I withheld a round of revenue, LPS would have been just a few dollars short of getting it. Would have improved my dividends a lot (even having a 6 instead of a 5 would have helped). Ended up with unusable money in the LPS treasury.

**HANNA:** My congratulations to Mark. This is only the second time I've played 1856 with diesels (not counting the earlier Boris game that ended before they came out), and now I know why people don't automatically agree that diesels are ridiculous. This game moved much more slowly than the FTF games I'm used to, where every railroad buys as many trains as it can afford as soon as it can afford them. In those games, no one tries to pay off government loans because there isn't time to raise the money. And diesels come out so soon, so many railroads buy one, and they run so long, that they generate absurd amounts of income. So I just assumed once BBG got a diesel that it would make me so much money that I'd win easily, even after I waited a round too long to buy it. Not even close! (I still think the 8-train option is a better game, though I never seem to win those either.)

**BUTCHER:** It was a relief to see this one end. I came in just as the CGR was about to rear its ugly head and had no way to save either of my lines, the CA and GT. That gave me the presidency of a big CGR, but it was very hard to make money with a diesel on a board that was very sparsely developed, lots of branch lines, few trunk lines. Everyone had been buying trains like mad and put little effort into network development. It was probably the weirdest game I ever played or saw played.



## Source of the Nile

Turn 17



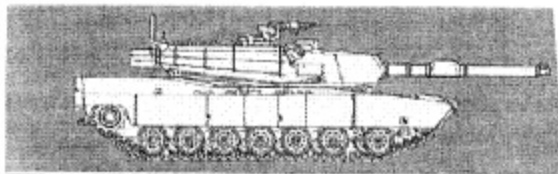
### The Cast:

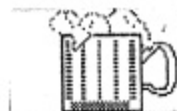
Dan Farrow (dropped)  
Ron Fisher (dropped?)  
Don Chinnery

Jason Bargender  
Andrew York  
D&D Anderson

**Published:** DD12 (lake, +79 acres), DD11 (lake, +75 acres), CC11 (lake, +88 acres), AA13 (veldt, river from 1 and 4 to 2), Z14 (veldt, river from 5 to 4, cataract, waterfall is 350 feet), Z13 (veldt, river from 1 to 2) and tribe L11 (the Mphahlele) in Z13.

Positions still available for fearless explorers. Contact Alan Bargender if interested.





# 1835

## SR 10 & OR 10.1

### It's Over!



**Player Status:** (\* = Direktor) Certificate limit = [12], † = double non-Direktor share

Fisher: 1942 M, 1 BY, 1 SX, 5 BA\*, 2.5 PR, 1 HE [11 certs]

Hanna: 2359 M, 5 SX\*, 1 PR, 10 WT\*† [13 certs]

Butitta: 2399 M, 3 SX, 1 BA, 3 PR\*, 8 MS\*† [13]

Butcher: 1660 M, 5 BY\*, 2 PR, 1 BA, 4 HE [12] < Zug >

Zieske: 1965 M, 1.5 PR, 4 BY, 1 SX, 3 BA†, 5 HE\*†, 2 MS† [12]

#### CORPORATION STATUS:

Corp	Dir	Price	IO Pool	Cash	Trains	Tokens
SX	CH	A348	0 0	001	3+,4	H16, E19, H20
PR	JB	C320	0 0	1037	4+,56	C11, E19, F14, H2, G5
BY	TB	B188	0 0	089	5	O15, L14, H20
WT	CH	C136	0 0	009	4	M9, J8
BA	RF	D124	0 0	000	6	L6, F14
HE	PZ	C110	0 0	010	4	J8, H2
MS	PZ	D88	0 0	119	3+,5+	C13, E19

#### SR 10

All pass (Butcher and Butitta are NMR). All RR are sold out, so all rise but SX.

#### OR 10.1

Corp	Tile Lay	Token	Earn	Dv	Trains	Price	Notes
PR	---	--	700	70	4+,56	B384	Bank is busted.
SX	---	--	380	38	3+,4	A382	
BY	---	--	190	19	5	A232	
WT	---	--	170	17	4	B168	
BA	---	--	180	18	6	C152	
HE	---	--	180	18	4	B134	
MS	---	--	410	41	3+,5+	C100	

**Player Status:** (\* = Direktor) Certificate limit = [12], † = double non-Direktor share

Fisher: 2282 M, 1 BY, 1 SX, 5 BA\*, 2.5 PR, 1 HE [11 certs] = 4732 M 5th

Hanna: 2789 M, 5 SX\*, 1 PR, 10 WT\*† [13 certs] = 6683 M 1st

Butitta: 3069 M, 3 SX, 1 BA, 3 PR\*, 8 MS\*† [13] = 6265 M 2nd

Butcher: 2055 M, 5 BY\*, 2 PR, 1 BA, 4 HE [12] = 5055 M 4th

Zieske: 3212 M, 1.5 PR, 4 BY, 1 SX, 3 BA†, 5 HE\*†, 2 MS† [12] = 5604 M 3rd

Hanna wins.

#### PRESS:

**FISHER:** Probably my best finish in 1835-I'm getting a better handle on the early interply, but I was late to try and get a big-enough stake in a RR to be able to nationalize. Still more fun than earlier tries-Ron

**Due next:** Any additional end of game statements. Comments on the notation system are again welcome. See transcript on the Website.

# Down with the King

## Assassination Attempt!

Turns 13-14a



**Errata:** The Intrigued card from Duke James was "Port Guards". Alfred has joined Lord Robert's faction.

### The East:

D&D Anderson: Lord Jeffrey (#23 & 61), 3 IP, 25/13 PP, 12 cards, #51, #24(MC), #15, #65.  
A. Bargender: Duke James (#22, MC), 16 IP, 28/20 PP, 11 cards, #52(H) #12(H) #32  
Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#56), 6 IP, 39/7 PP, 12 cards, Philip, #46, #54, #31, #53, #25, #41, #44, Jane, #36, Anne, King Alan.  
Fowble: Lord Robert (#16/62), 3 IP, 43/3 PP, 11 cards, #13(H), #45, #21, #11, #26, Almerly, #35, #43 #34, #33, #66, #36, Alfred.  
York: Duchess Mary (#64), 1 IP, 19/3 PP, 12 cards; #63(H), #55(H), #42.

### The Cabinet:

Monarch: King Alan Mt (50 Support)	Consort: <Vacant>
Navy: Lord Arthur (#36) Mt	High Minister: Duke Henry (#43) Ro
State: Earl Duncan (#34), Ro	Army: Earl Francis (#33) Ro
Trade: Duke Marley (#44), Mt	Justice: Lord Robert (#16) 2
Epalin: Sir Donald (#21), Ro	Besyzan: Sir Michael (#15) Je
Sandarkan: Sir Guy (#12), Ja	Cronos: Lord Perceval (#41) Mt
City States: Sir Richard (#14) My	Treasury: Knight Simon (#31), Mt 1

### Turn 13:

Lord Robert can't counsel discharging the Minister of Justice (already did it).

### Turn 14:

- 1. Player Order:** Jeffrey, Mary, James, Robert, Margaret
- 2. Office:** n/a.
- 3. Political Problems:**

Treason and Conspiracy Trials: Lord Robert (Ability = 3) fails to resolve (3 + 1[Archbishop] + 1[Sheriff] + 1[Justice] - 1[Margaret] - 1 [1st Judge]) = 4). Robert is sacked.

Economic Crisis: Knight Simon (Ability = 4) resolves (4 - 1[Treasury] + 1[High Min] - 1[Margaret] = 0). Monarch's Support remains at 50.
- 4. Crown Event:** Court Ball. Jeffrey (5 = Ill-mannered, -1 PP), Mary (8 = Monarch Notices You, +1 PP, +1, free counsel), James (7 = Barely Noticed), Robert (8+2 = Monarch Notices Your Exceptional Wit, +3 PP, +1, free counsel), Margaret (9 = Monarch Notices Your Exceptional Manners, +2 PP, +1, free counsel)
- 5. Player Turns:**

Jeffrey: Drew 1 IP, Intrigue. Play "Assassinate" and try to assassinate Marquise Margaret.

We pause here to resolve the assassination and to allow those players eligible to choose a counsel from the Court Ball counsels to choose one.

### The Cabinet:

Monarch: King Alan Mt (50 Support)	Consort: <Vacant>
Navy: Lord Arthur (#36) Mt	High Minister: Duke Henry (#43) Ro
State: Earl Duncan (#34), Ro	Army: Earl Francis (#33) Ro
Trade: Duke Marley (#44), Mt	Justice: <Vacant>

Epain: Sir Donald (#21), Ro  
 Sandarkan: Sir Guy (#12), Ja  
 City States: Sir Richard (#14), My

Beayzan: Sir Michael (#15), Je  
 Cronos: Lord Perceval (#41), Mt  
 Treasury: Knight Simon (#31), Mt

### The Cast:

D&D Anderson: Lord Jeffrey (#23MC & 61), 4 IP, 24/12 PP, 11 cards, #51, #24(MC), #15(H), #65.  
 A. Bargender: Duke James (#22, MC), 16 IP, 28/20 PP, 11 cards, #52(H), #12(H), #32  
 Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#56), 6 IP, 41/9 PP, 12 cards, Philip, #46, #54, #31, #53, #25, #41, #44, Jane, #36, Anne, King Alan.  
 Fowble: Lord Robert (#16/62), 3 IP, 51/11 PP, 11 cards, #13(H), #45, #21, #11, #26, Almerly, #35, #43 #34, #33, #66, #36.  
 York: Duchess Mary (#64), 1 IP, 19/3 PP, 12 cards; #63(H), #55(H), #42.

### Table Modifiers

Table	James	Jeffrey	Marge	Mary	Robert
Business Speculation	0	0	-1	0	0
Court Ball	0	0	+1	+1	+2
Craft	+2	0	0	+2	-1
Fashion	+2	+1	-1	0	+2
Literary Pursuits	+2	+2	+1	+2	0
Patronage	-1	+1	+2	0	0
Socializing	0	0	0	0	-2

### Counsels

Table	James	Jeffrey	Marge	Mary	Robert
Court Ball	--	--	--	1	1
Foreign War	2	--	--	--	2.3
Scandal	--	--	--	--	4
Treason & Conspiracy Trials	--	--	--	--	1.3



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# KREMLIN

## Karrienko Waves!



### CAST (in Table Order):

Cary Nichols: Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS), 2 cards, 1 wave  
 Ron Fisher: Red Bivalve Factory (RBF), 3 cards  
 Mike Scott: The California Connection (TCC), 1 card, 2 waves  
 Warren "Goz" Gozale: Sneaky, Treacherous, Annoying Eastards (STAB), 2 cards  
 Dave Anderson: Decaying Licentious Antequartians (DLA), 1 card

### POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	Karrienko (N)	70?	REDS 8, TCC 5
KGB Head:	Doberman (L)	76?	RBF 10+, REDS 9,
Foreign Minister:	Schukrutov (B)	76?++	DLA 6, RBF 1
Defense Minister:	Borentodev (K)	71?	TCC 2, RBF 1
Ideology Chief:	Bungaloff (W)	60	TCC 10, REDS 7
Industry Minister:	Niewitko (D)	73s++	
Economy Minister:	<Vacant>		
Sport Minister:	<Vacant>		
Candidates:	C, STZ(+, RBF 5)		People: IJMOPUXY
The Wall:	AFGV		Siberia: EHQR(+)

**PHASE 4.6: REPLACEMENT:** Party Chief Karrienko (N) demotes L to Sports, and attempts to demote W to Candidate, but TCC plays Card #28 "Downing of Airliner" to prevent the demotion. Karrienko then promotes Z to Economy and I to Candidate, aging 4 SP to 74. Doberman promotes by age to back to the KGB. Goferbroke promotes by age to Sports, and Talksalott and Eatatumuch promote by age to Candidates.

**PHASE 4.7: REHABILITATION:** None.

**PHASE 4.8: PARADE:** Karrienko waves! REDS have two waves.

Due next are orders for Turn 5 Cure through Health Phases.

### POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	Karrienko (N)	74?	REDS 8, TCC 5
KGB Head:	Doberman (L)	76?	RBF 10+, REDS 9
Foreign Minister:	Schukrutov (B)	76?++	DLA 6, RBF 1
Defense Minister:	Borentodev (K)	71?	TCC 2, RBF 1
Ideology Chief:	Bungaloff (W)	60	TCC 10, REDS 7
Industry Minister:	Niewitko (D)	73s++	
Economy Minister:	Wasolin (Z)	50w+	RBF 5
Sport Minister:	Goferbroke (C)	74	
Candidates:	IJMST		People: OPUXY
The Wall:	AFGV		Siberia: EHQR(+)

**LEGEND:** s = strong, w = weak, + = sick, ++ = ill, ? = under investigation, C# = card # remains as a bribe, © = taking the Cure.

## GAME OPENINGS ELSEWHERE

See subscriber list for e-addresses. DLIR = date of last issue received

John Boardman's **Graustark** (\$35/game or \$15/10 issues for nonplayers in US, DLIR: #749, 27 Sep 03)

DIPLOMACY; DIP and COL DIP standbys wanted.

Tom Butcher's **Blut und Eisen** (\$0.90-1.10/issue in US, DLIR: #86, Sep 03)  
1830, 1856, 1829(S), 1856, THE CONSUMMATE RAILWAY GAME

Chris Hassler's **S.O.B.** (sub \$1.50/issue in US, DLIR: #88, Sep 03)

<http://home.adelphia.net/~chassler>

AGE OF RENAISSANCE, INDUSTRIAL WASTE, MACHIAVELLI OUTPOST, SEAFARERS OF CATAN

Andy Lischett's **Cheesecake** (????/issue, DLIR: 28 Sep 03)

DIPLOMACY

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## What Next?

**DIP & COL DIP:** It's been suggested we run some gunboat games of DIP or COL DIP (gunboat is a variant where the players don't know who's playing what so can't directly negotiate) with Black Press. OK by me, but I fear our usual players have distinctive press styles and spelling weaknesses that might give them away. Sign up if interested.

**AGE OF RENAISSANCE:** We do have four, so do have a minimum for "The Knyghte's Tale". If signed up, your initial card is \_\_\_\_\_ and your bid for city is due next time. Since there's room for two more, include bids involving London and Hamburg (Example: "I bid \$2 if 4-players, \$3 if 5 or 6. P>V>B>G if 4, B>L>P>V>G>H if 5 or 6."). To become the 5th or 6th player apply soonest so I can get your initial card out to you right away. Could run this like the e-mail journey if most would rather do it that way.

**BRITANNIA:** We will start "Frisian" as soon as I confirm how many players we have and who wants what factions.

**STELLAR CONQUEST:** As soon as I get "William T. Riker" moving, you can expect to see the beginning of "Kurzon Dax".

**UNION PACIFIC or SANTA FE RAILS:** Anyone interested in trying these pbem? Wouldn't be too hard to work out a system. All you need the GM for is to allocate cards and mediate rules disputes.

**TITAN: THE ARENA or GALAXY:** Ditto. The GM would also keep track of the secret bets.

**PUERTO RICO:** This game is worth the hassle of daily pbem moves. Plus it would be easier to add the new buildings.

If none of the above happens, we can try to start **MERCHANT OF VENUS, KREMLIN, HISTORY OF THE WORLD (I or II), or AIR BARON.**

## ON DECK



1830: Frueh

1835: Hanna

1856: Hanna, Frueh

1870: Zieske, Hanna, Frueh

AGE OF RENAISSANCE: Hanna, Frueh, Copeland, Butitta

AIR BARON: R Fisher, Copeland, Zodda, Barrett

BRITANNIA: Dave A, Hanna, Butitta, Boyum, Frueh

CIRCUS IMPERIUM: O'Hara?

COLONIAL DIPLOMACY: O'Hara? Copeland, Nichols, Anderson, Cole, Boyum; need 1 more.

DIPLOMACY: Fisher, Shacklett, Zodda, Anderson, Copeland, Nichols

GLADIATOR: O'Hara?

GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher, O'Hara?; need 3 more

HISTORY OF THE WORLD: Zodda, Anderson, Wilson

JUNTA: Copeland, Dave A, Hanna

KINGMAKER: R Fisher, Shacklett, O'Hara?

KREMLIN: Zodda, Scott, Anderson, Barrett

MACHIAVELLI (Gunboat): Have 2.

MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A, O'Hara?

MAHARAJA: Hanna

MERCHANT OF VENUS: R Fisher, Deb A, Khanz

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: O'Hara? Scott

SETTLERS of CATAN: K Wilson, Copeland

SILVERTON: Zieske, Deb A

STELLAR CONQUEST: <classified>

WIZARD'S QUEST: A&J Bargender, Farrow, R Fisher, Deb A, O'Hara?

OTHER POSSIBILITIES: 1829 (N OR S), AFTER THE HOLOCAUST (\*GM Fowble), GODSFIRE, KAMAKURA, MONSTERS RAVAGE AMERICA, PLANET MINERS, SAMARAL

\* Offered by guest GM, when space is available.

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"Kurzon Dex". Starting soon. Last chance to sign.

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